

## **Minutes of the Public Works Committee – August 14, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Manke who led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Behrend, Genia Bruce, Hank Carlson, Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert, David Swan

**Staff Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis. Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

**Also Present:** Ken Lucht of Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co., Public Works Director Rich Bolte, Building Projects Mgr. Dennis Cerreta

### **Correspondence**

Chair Manke addressed the following items:

1. Letter from Lt. LaFavor, Waukesha County Traffic Safety Coordinator, advising of a meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission that was held on August 13 at 2:00 p.m.
2. Letter from Chairman Dwyer to Bob Johnson, Transit Director of Waukesha Metro Transit, asking that Lee Esler serve as the county representative on the RFP Selection Committee for Transit Service Providers. Esler said he would be going to a meeting at Waukesha Metro Transit tomorrow morning.
3. Letter from SEWRPC Executive Director Evenson in response to Executive Finley's letter of 7/23/03 relative to the work effort to help Waukesha County update its jurisdictional highway system plan.
4. Article that appeared in the Lake Country Reporter on 7/21/03 -- "Planners OK rezoning for subdivision."
5. Monthly Activity Report of July 2003 for the Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council.

### **Approve Minutes of July 22 and July 31, 2003**

**Motion:** Carlson moved, second by Swan, to approve the minutes of 7/22/03. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Motion:** Bruce moved, second by Carlson, to approve the minutes of 7/31/03. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

### **Verbal Report from Executive Committee Member**

Manke reviewed items that were discussed and/or considered at the last meeting on August 4, 2003.

### **Verbal Report from Committee Member Attending Airport Commission Meeting**

Bruce reviewed agenda items that were taken up at the last commission meeting. She stated that the airport has a direct line to Captain Eric Severson, a pilot and member of the Civilian Patrol, who they will be working with on security issues. The Airport Commission denied the request for a waiver by Sprint for a cellular antenna at WCTC. The request will go to the Board of Adjustment next. Bruce said, hopefully, they would take into consideration the decision by the Airport Commission. On September 11, there will be an open house at the airport with a World War II B-17 aircraft tour. The commission approved the request by the Harley Davidson Riders Ranch for use of the airport grounds for overflow parking from August 25 to September 1.

### **Discuss and Consider Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC) Request for Funds**

Lucht was present to discuss the request for funds of \$26,300. A long discussion ensued. To Swan's question, Lucht said WisDOT does own the property and land 100%; improvements are partially funded by WisDOT (80%), the 18 member counties (10%), and Wisconsin & Southern Railroad (10%). Behrend asked are any other counties contributing at this point? Lucht said Dane County has

put it into their budget. He will be meeting with Walworth County on Tuesday, and they will be making a request. Dodge County has already made a request and put it in their budget. Green County will be making a request and it looks favorable. Rock County is also making a request.

Nilson said this is a good time to make a request as a committee so, in turn, WRRTC knows what to do. The railroad is a very robust railroad being run by people who like railroads and they put the money back into the railroad. However, the railroad is running on some very old infrastructure. Nilson said we opted into the WRRTC long ago because we thought it was a good idea to keep the railroad going in southern Wisconsin. Nilson said he hasn't changed his opinion, but if we opt out of contributing the \$26,000 now we'll be asked for the whole amount when we need rehabilitation. It would be better to pay a little every year. Nilson said he would like the committee to think about long term. Are the railroads good for the health and welfare of Waukesha County residents? The answer is yes.

Swan asked does anyone know of any other taxpayer money going into a for-profit company because that is what is really happening. Can you give me an example of another private company? Esler said we do contract for our Workforce Development with a for-profit computer company for W-2. Also, we contract with Waukesha Flying Services at the airport, which is a for-profit company. But, he said, these are contracted services and not quite the same as what is under discussion.

Singert said there is roughly \$31,000 in our account now. Singert suggested putting \$16,000 into the fund for the 2004 budget and removing \$26,000 for the first year commitment, leaving a balance of \$13,000 for half of next year's (2005) commitment. This would then be a two-year commitment (\$16,000 - first year; \$13,000 - second year). Singert said there could be a possible budget amendment of \$16,000.

To the question about participation, Lucht said there are about 15 counties. Singert said that information should be given to the Board so they know the actual commitment and the dollars. Manke said this information should also go to the Finance Committee.

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Bruce, to submit a budget amendment to the Executive Committee of \$16,000 for 2004 for WSOR, to make all County Board Supervisors aware that \$16,000 is being requested in the 2004 budget and being added to the balance of \$31,400, and in the second year there would be a commitment of \$13,000.

Esler stated regarding the State's portion, even if WSOR obtained all of the State money, they would be at less than half of what is needed from the State. At \$4 ½ million in a biennial budget, the next two biennial budgets (less than \$10 million) the capital forecast here is for over \$30 million. Therefore, the local match premised on the \$30 million of State money is \$26,000, and unless the State doubles its funding, the local match will be half of what is projected here – not \$26,000, but \$13,000.

**Motion:** Swan moved, second by Behrend, to amend the motion to use the balance for this year and make the Board aware that this is coming without putting funds in for the next budget. Singert called for the question as amended. Manke ruled Swan's motion out of order.

**Motion:** Manke moved, second by Nilson, to amend the motion to make a commitment for a three-year plan for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 (i.e., \$16,000 in 2004 to be in the non-departmental budget, a legislative intent to include \$13,000 in the 2005 budget, \$26,300 in years thereafter, and the

payout of Waukesha's credit reserve of \$31,400 in 2004 and 2005 [\$10,300 in 2004 and \$13,300 in 2005] which will result in a credit reserve balance at the end of 2005 at \$7,800.). **Motion carried 5 – 2; Behrend and Swan voting no. On the motion as amended, motion carried 5 – 2; Behrend and Swan voting no.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-053 Grant of Authority for Local Municipalities and the Waukesha County Sheriff to Temporarily Suspend Parking Regulations on County Highways**

**Motion:** Behrend moved, second by Bruce, to approve Proposed Ordinance 158-O-053.

Bolte stated that this ordinance would authorize the temporary suspension of any county parking regulation during those times and circumstances that require suspension for legitimate reasons of law enforcement or traffic regulation. The suspension shall not exceed twenty-four (24) consecutive hours at any one location. Bolte stated this allows for the suspension of an existing regulation but not for the creation of a regulation. Discussion by the committee continued. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Award Bid for Razing of Building at 1118 Buena Vista Avenue**

Bolte briefly explained the bids. **Motion:** Behrend moved, second by Swan, to award the bid to the Ganos Company in the amount of \$6,900. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Status Update on Justice Addition Capital Project**

Cerreta said demolition of the maintenance building will occur in about ten days after the auction. They need to get \$2,496,914 of value engineering which includes 63 items. This is an estimate they are hoping the bidding climate will yield. In regard to program space, some of the square footage has been given up by the jail staff. In the present Justice Center, there's about 2,000 square feet of programming space (training, education, etc.). In the new jail, there's about 4,800 square feet of space of which 3,800 will be shelled in, leaving 1,000 square feet finished. The program space is worth about \$155,000. Relative to the isolation cells of which there are 4, 3 will be shelled in and 1 will be constructed. This is also worth about \$155,000. Regarding the lockers in the correctional officers' area, they are necessary but not needed immediately so will be deleted. They have decided to keep the video visitation system at a cost of \$350,000, because it will allow the jail to locate an inmate at any of the video visitation booths. Also, if they did not excavate the area that was originally identified for the Firing Range, it would save \$200,000. It is a possible cut, but not being considered at this time. In regard to the mechanical system, they will re-look at some of the machines and equipment and are evaluating \$150,000 of value engineering in that area.

Cerreta said September 23 is still the bid date, and they are moving ahead with 19 of 31 contracts.

**Status Update and Tour of the Communications Center**

At 10:45 a.m. the committee recessed and reconvened at the Communication Center for a status update and tour of facility.

**Motion to adjourn:** Behrend moved, second by Bruce, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Genia C. Bruce  
Secretary

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